

AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISORS KNABE AND MOLINA

The concerns raised by this motion are absolutely right. The proposed funding reductions come at a time when an estimated 1,800 new HIV infections will occur in Los Angeles County each year. The motion is correct that the majority of these new infections are occurring in communities of color. But the motion does not go far enough to overcome the harm that the Office of AIDS Program and Policy (OAPP) recent actions will have on the very communities we wish to protect.

While we are in agreement with the motion that OAPP should report to the Board during the June 2006 budget deliberations, the information may not come in time. Agencies have already been instructed by OAPP to implement the cuts. Community providers are being asked to cut services and dismiss specially trained employees specializing in preventing and treating the spread of HIV/AIDS.

It does not make sense to require agencies to begin cuts and dismiss key personnel only to restore the funds after the June 2006 budget deliberations.

MOTION

MOLINA	_____
BURKE	_____
YAROSLAVSKY	_____
KNABE	_____
ANTONOVICH	_____

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the motion be amended to instruct the Director of Public Health to withhold requesting providers to cut services until the Board has received and reviewed the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy's report identifying how they intend to sustain current levels of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment services.